

CLAIMS

1. A method of controlling a mobile cellular telephone comprising the steps of:
 - a) storing in the mobile telephone a plurality of different sets of parameter settings, each of which is associated with a location;
 - 5 b) detecting at the mobile telephone the current location of the mobile telephone ; and
 - c) controlling the mobile telephone using the set of parameter settings associated with the detected current location.
- 10 2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the different sets of parameter settings include settings for controlling how the mobile cellular telephone communicates in a cellular telecommunications network.
- 15 3. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the different sets of parameter settings include settings for one or more of: a network access point, a proxy server, and an application protocol.
4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the sets of parameter settings includes application settings.
- 20 5. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the application settings include settings for an email client and/or for an internet browser.
- 25 6. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each set of parameter settings are contained within a provisioning document.
7. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the mobile cellular telephone detects its current location from information broadcast by a local base station of the cellular telecommunications network.
- 30 8. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the information broadcast is the Network Color Code or the Cell ID.

9. A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of: selectively protecting parameter settings such that the mobile cellular telephone uses the protected parameter settings irrespective of location.

5 10. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mobile cellular telephone is automatically controlled using the set of parameter settings associated with a first location when the mobile telephone is located at the first location.

10 11. A mobile cellular telephone for communicating in a cellular telecommunications network comprising:

a memory for storing a plurality of different sets of parameter settings and a database for associating each set of parameter settings with a location;

detection means for detecting the current location of the mobile telephone ; and

15 control means for interrogating the database to obtain the set of parameter settings associated with the current location and for controlling the mobile telephone in dependence upon the obtained set of parameter settings.

20 12. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein the different sets of parameter settings include settings for controlling how the mobile telephone communicates in the cellular telecommunications network.

25 13. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 12, wherein the different sets of parameter settings include settings for one or more of: a network access point, a proxy server, and an application protocol.

14. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein at least one of the sets of parameter settings include application settings.

30 15. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 14, wherein the application settings include settings for an email client and/or for an internet browser.

16. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein each set of parameters are contained within a provisioning document.

17. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein the mobile cellular telephone detects its current location from information broadcast by a local base station of the cellular telecommunications network.

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18. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 17, wherein the information broadcast is the Network Color Code or the Cell ID.

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19. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein the control means enables the selective protection of parameter settings such that the mobile telephone uses the protected parameter settings irrespective of location.

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20. A mobile cellular telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein the control means is operable to automatically control the mobile cellular telephone using a set of parameter settings associated with a first location when the mobile telephone is located at the first location.